Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1 - 9 (Cancelled)

- 10. (Previously Presented) An adhesive article comprising:
- (a) a liner having a first side and a second side;
- (b) an adhesive having a first surface and a second surface, wherein the second surface of the adhesive contacts the first side of the liner, wherein the article has been exposed to E-Beam radiation through the second side of the liner, and wherein the article has been rolled upon itself, causing the second side of the liner to come into contact with the first surface of the adhesive, and wherein the second side of the liner and the first surface of the adhesive have a liner release value that is less than the liner release value of the first side of the liner to the second surface of the adhesive; and
 - (c) a pigment dispersed in the adhesive.
- 11. (Original) The adhesive article of claim 10, wherein said pigment is present in the adhesive at a concentration of greater than about 0.10% by weight.
- 12. (Original) The adhesive article of claim 10, wherein said pigment is present in the adhesive at a concentration of greater than about 0.15% by weight.
- 13. (Original) The adhesive article of claim 10, wherein said pigment is present in the adhesive at a concentration of greater than about 0.18% by weight.
 - 14. (Previously Presented) An adhesive article comprising:
 - (a) a liner having a first side and a second side; and

(b) an adhesive having a first surface and a second surface, wherein the second surface of the adhesive contacts the first side of the liner, wherein the article has been exposed to E-Beam radiation through the second side of the liner, and wherein the article has been rolled upon itself, causing the second side of the liner to come into contact with the first surface of the adhesive, and wherein the second side of the liner and the first surface of the adhesive have a liner release value that is less than the liner release value of the first side of the liner to the second surface of the adhesive, wherein said adhesive comprises at least one (meth)acrylic polymer.

15. (Original) The adhesive article of claim 14, wherein said (meth)acrylic polymer is derived from 2-ethylhexyl acrylate and acrylic acid.

Claims 16 – 21 (Cancelled)

- 22. (Currently Amended) An adhesive article comprising:
- (a) a liner backing having a first and second side;
- (b) an adhesive on a first side of the liner backing; and
- (c) a <u>release</u> coating material on the second side of the liner backing, wherein said release coating material has a sufficiently tightly crosslinked network, levels of polar functionalities and reactive groups such that, upon liner backing exposure to E-Beam radiation to crosslink the adhesive, the liner release value of the second side of the liner backing to the adhesive is less than the liner release value of the first side of the liner backing to the adhesive.
 - 23. (Currently Amended) An adhesive article comprising:
 - (a) a liner backing having a first and second side;
- (b) an adhesive having a first surface and a second surface on a first side of the liner backing; and
- (c) a release coating material on a the second side of the liner backing, wherein said release coating material has a sufficiently tightly crosslinked network, levels of polar functionalities and reactive groups such that, upon liner backing exposure to E-Beam radiation to

crosslink the adhesive, the liner release value of the second side of the liner <u>backing</u> to the first surface of the adhesive and the liner release value of the first side of the liner <u>backing</u> to the second surface of the adhesive are sufficiently different to avoid liner confusion.

- 24. (Original) The adhesive article of claim 22, wherein said release coating material comprises at least one compound chosen from: alkoxysilane compounds, acetoxysilane compounds, and silanol compounds.
- 25. (Original) The adhesive article of claim 24, wherein the release coating material comprises silanol-terminated polydimethylsiloxane.
- 26. (Original) The adhesive article of claim 22, wherein the release coating material is coated at a weight of at least about 0.7 g/m².
- 27. (Original) The adhesive article of claim 22, wherein the release coating material comprises an epoxy silicone.
- 28. (Original) The adhesive article of claim 27, wherein the release coating material comprises an epoxy silicone having an average degree of polymerization between crosslinks of less than about 12.
- 29. (Original) The adhesive article of claim 22, wherein the liner backing is chosen from: polyester films, polyolefin films, metallized films, sealed papers, metallized papers, clay coated papers, and papers.
- 30. (Currently Amended) The adhesive article of claim 29, wherein said liner backing is chosen <u>from</u>: polyester films or polyolefin films.
- 31. (Original) The adhesive article of claim 30, wherein said liner backing is a polyolefin film.

32. (Original) The adhesive article of claim 31, wherein said polyolefin film is a polyethylene film.

33. (Original) The adhesive article of claim 32, wherein said polyethylene film is a multilayered polyethylene film.

Claims 34 – 69 (Cancelled)

- 70. (Currently Amended) An adhesive article made by the process comprising the steps of:
- (a) providing a liner having a first side and a second side and having a release coating material on the second side of the liner;
 - (b) providing an adhesive having a first surface and a second surface;
 - (c) contacting the second surface of the adhesive with the first side of the liner;
 - (d) curing the adhesive by passing E-beam radiation through the liner; and
 - (e) (e) winding the adhesive and the liner so that the second side of the liner contacts the first surface of the adhesive, wherein when unwound the second side of the liner releases from the first surface of the adhesive, leaving the first side of the liner in contact with the second surface of the adhesive; and
 - wherein said release coating material has a sufficiently tightly crosslinked network, levels
 of polar functionalities and reactive groups such that, upon liner exposure to EBeam radiation to crosslink the adhesive, the liner release value of the second side
 of the liner to the adhesive is less than the liner release value of the first side of
 the liner to the adhesive.
- 71. (Previously Presented) An adhesive article made by the process comprising the steps of:
 - (a) providing a first liner having a first side and a second side;
 - (b) providing a second liner having a first side and a second side;

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- (c) providing an adhesive having a first surface and a second surface;
- (d) contacting the second surface of the adhesive with the first side of the first liner;
- (e) contacting the first surface of the adhesive with the first side of the second liner;
- (f) curing the adhesive by passing E-beam radiation through the first and second liners;
- (g) removing the second liner;
- (h) winding the adhesive and the first liner so that the second side of the first liner contacts the first surface of the adhesive, wherein when unwound the second side of the first liner releases from the first surface of the adhesive, leaving the first side of the first liner in contact with the second surface of the adhesive.
- 72. (Previously Presented) The adhesive article of claim 70, wherein said liner release value of the second side of the liner to the first surface of the adhesive is less than about 110 g/cm.
- 73. (Previously Presented) The adhesive article of claim 70, wherein said liner release value of the second side of the liner to the first surface of the adhesive is less than about 20 g/cm.
- 74. (Previously Presented) The adhesive article of claim 70, wherein said adhesive has a thickness of at least about 250 micrometers.
- 75. (Previously Presented) The adhesive article of claim 70, wherein said adhesive has a thickness of at least about 500 micrometers.
- 76. (Previously Presented) The adhesive article of claim 70, additionally comprising a pigment dispersed in the adhesive.
- 77. (Previously Presented) The adhesive article of claim 70, wherein said adhesive comprises at least one(meth)acrylic polymer.

78. (Currently Amended) The adhesive article of claim 80 77, wherein said (meth)acrylic polymer is derived from 2-ethylhexyl acrylate and acrylic acid.

- 79. (Previously Presented) The adhesive article of claim 70, wherein the release coating material comprises at least one compound chosen from: alkoxysilane compounds, acetoxysilane compounds, and silanol compounds.
- 80. (Previously Presented) The adhesive article of claim 70, wherein the release coating material comprises silanol-terminated polydimethylsiloxane.
- 81. (Previously Presented) The adhesive article of claim 70, wherein the release coating material comprises an epoxy silicone.